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VIA ECF

February 4, 2021

Hon. Lorna G. Schofield
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
40 Centre Street
New York, NY 10007

RE: United States v. Sohrab Sharma, et. al.
18 Cr. 340

Dear Judge Schofield:

I represent the defendant Sohrab Sharma in the above-referenced indictment along with my co-counsel. By this letter, Mr. Sharma is requesting and consenting to proceed remotely for his sentencing hearing scheduled for February 11, 2021. Mr. Sharma is waiving his right to appear personally and has executed the attached form provided by the Court. Mr. Sharma will confirm this on the record on February 11, 2021. As Mr. Sharma resides in Miami, FL and it is his desire to be sentenced now despite the COVID-19 restrictions, the defendant submits its in the interests of justice to proceed remotely. Accordingly, the defendant asks the Court to grant this application.

I have conferred with the government regarding this application, and they have informed me they consent to it.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Denis Patrick Kelleher
Denis Patrick Kelleher, Esq.

Cc: All counsel (via ECF)

April 2, 2020

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

-v-

Sohrab Sharma,

Defendant.

**WAIVER OF RIGHT TO BE PRESENT
AT CRIMINAL PROCEEDING**

18-CR-340 LGS () ()

Check Proceeding that Applies☐ Arraignment

I have been given a copy of the indictment containing the charges against me and have reviewed it with my attorney. I understand that I have a right to appear before a judge in a courtroom in the Southern District of New York to confirm that I have received and reviewed the indictment; to have the indictment read aloud to me if I wish; and to enter a plea of either guilty or not guilty before the judge. After consultation with my attorney, I wish to plead not guilty. By signing this document, I wish to advise the court of the following. I willingly give up my right to appear in a courtroom in the Southern District of New York to advise the court that:

- 1) I have received and reviewed a copy of the indictment.
- 2) I do not need the judge to read the indictment aloud to me.
- 3) I plead not guilty to the charges against me in the indictment.

Date:

Signature of Defendant_____
Print Name☐ Bail Hearing

I am applying or in the future may apply for release from detention, or if not detained, for modification of the conditions of my release from custody, that is, my bail conditions. I understand that I have a right to appear before a judge in a courtroom in the Southern District of New York at the time that my attorney makes such an application. I have discussed these rights with my attorney and wish to give up these rights for the period of time in which access to the courthouse has been restricted on account of the COVID-19 pandemic. I request that my attorney be permitted to make applications for my release from custody or for modification of the conditions of my release even though I will not be present, and to make such applications in writing or by telephone in my attorney's discretion.

Date:

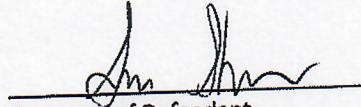
Signature of Defendant_____
Print Name

X

Conference

I have been charged in an indictment with violations of federal law. I understand that I have a right to be present at all conferences concerning this indictment that are held by a judge in the Southern District of New York, unless the conference involves only a question of law. I understand that at these conferences the judge may, among other things, 1) set a schedule for the case including the date at which the trial will be held, and 2) determine whether, under the Speedy Trial Act, certain periods of time should be properly excluded in setting the time by which the trial must occur. I have discussed these issues with my attorney and wish to give up my right to be present at the conferences. By signing this document, I wish to advise the court that I willingly give up my right to be present at the conferences in my case for the period of time in which access to the courthouse has been restricted on account of the COVID-19 pandemic. I request that my attorney be permitted to represent my interests at the proceedings even though I will not be present.

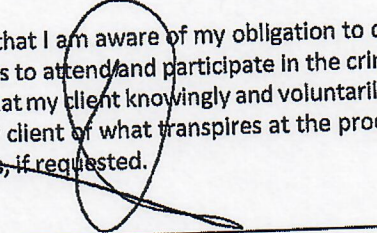
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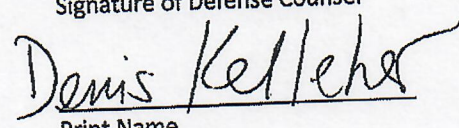

 Signature of Defendant


 Print Name

I hereby affirm that I am aware of my obligation to discuss with my client the charges contained in the indictment, my client's rights to attend and participate in the criminal proceedings encompassed by this waiver, and this waiver form. I affirm that my client knowingly and voluntarily consents to the proceedings being held in my client's absence. I will inform my client of what transpires at the proceedings and provide my client with a copy of the transcript of the proceedings, if requested.

Date:


 Signature of Defense Counsel


 Print Name

Addendum for a defendant who requires services of an interpreter:

I used the services of an interpreter to discuss these issues with the defendant. The interpreter also translated this document, in its entirety, to the defendant before the defendant signed it. The interpreter's name is:

Date:

 Signature of Defense Counsel

Accepted:

 Signature of Judge
 Date: